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Office Action Summary

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TEMICA M. BEAMER

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 9, 14 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-8, 10-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 1/23/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Aikoh fails to disclose providing a content stored in a database of a contents server. The examiner, however, disagrees. As described before, Aikoh discloses an electronic data transaction method and system. The electronic system is a secondhand selling system for reselling music contents at a lower price than the original price (0022). The system further discloses a distribution server 22 which receives information or instructions related to the secondhand music (0080, 0082, 0085). This server reads on the presently claimed content server.

Further because the content server stores the music related information, the server can be considered as a database.

Therefore, the examiner maintains that Aikoh reads on the claimed invention and the rejection is set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 2, 9, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Aikoh et al (Aikoh), U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0111341.

Regarding claims 1, 2, 9, 14 and 15 Aikoh discloses a method for reselling content, comprising the steps of: (a) receiving, by a content server (22), content information (music)for, particular content to be resold from a seller terminal in reply to a request by a seller who wishes to resell the content over a communication network, and searching a content according to the content information in a database and registering the searched content as secondhand content; and (b) providing, by the content server (22), the corresponding secondhand content to a buyer terminal in reply to a request by a buyer who wishes to buy the secondhand content, and transmitting sale information for the secondhand content to the seller terminal 0022, 0077-0079, 0097, 0119, 0123.

Aikoh further discloses paying a sale price for the secondhand content to the seller after charging a fee for the secondhand content to the buyer (0123) and paying to the seller an amount of money determined by subtracting a predetermined commission from a fee for the secondhand content paid by the buyer (0123).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3-8 and 10-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TEMICA M. BEAMER whose telephone number is (571)272-7797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (alternate Fridays) 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on (571) 272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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